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1. KASSOF REPORTED TODAY ON VISIT OF GYOR6Y PETER TO IREX JUNE 19. PETER WAS "CALM AND PLEASANT" BUT OBVIOUSLY UPSET BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DEAK CASE. WHEN INFOED OF RECENT DEAK EVENTS HE REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT "THIS PROVES HUNGARY IS NOT SO CONTROLLED AND ORGANIZED AS SOME SUPPOSE." HE IMPLIED THAT KKI WAS NOT INVOLVED AND THAT FOR THIS REASON IREX SHOULD NOT EXPECT AN EARLY RESPONSE TO ITS TELEX TO KKI OF JUNE 17.
 2. TO INDICATE IREX'S CONCERN KASSOF INFORMED PETER THAT IREX WAS DELAYING SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT AND FINAL PLACEMENT INFORMATION ON HUNGARIAN SCHOLARS COMING TO THE US THIS FALL. (SINCE HUNGARIANS ALREADY HAVE LATTER INFORMATION, THIS HAS NO PRACTICAL EFFECT IN DELAYING THESE EXCHANGES). HAVING INDICATED IREX'S CONCERN BY DELAYING ACTION ON THESE TWO MATTERS, THE IREX STAFF THEN TOOK PETER TO LUNCH AND SPENT THE AFTERNOON WITH HIM WORKING ON DETAILS ON ACADEMIC EXCHANGES PROGRAM.
 3. KASSOF IS PLANNING A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE OF IREX BOARD FOR JUNE 27, AFTER HE HAS MET WITH DEAK. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE BOARD TO DELAY SEVERAL MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES
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BUT TO CONTINUE THE REGULAR IREX PROGRAM.

RICHMOND (CU/EE) ALSO PLANNING TO SEE DEAK IN NEW YORK
EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. EMBASSY COMMENTS REFTTEL INVITED. KISSINGER

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